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1. SPANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF
PENDING 200 MILE FISHERIES LEGISLATION IN U.S. CONGRESS.

2. ON BASIS OF EARLIER COMMENTS OF GOS OFFICIALS AND SPAIN'S
POSITIONS ON LOS ISSUES, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SPANISH
WOULD REACGT ADVERSELY TO ANY US UNILATERAL ACTION TO
ESTABLISH 200 MILE FISHING ZONE. SPANISH FISHING INTERETS
ARE WELL ARTICULATED PRESSURE GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL
IN PAST IN INFLUENCING OFFICIAL POLICY ON FISHERIES ISSUES,
E.G., MOST NOTABLY WITH MOROCCO. SPANISH HIGH SEAS FISHING
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FLEET WHICH FREQUENTS TRANS-ATLANTIC FISHING BANKS ON NORTH

AMERICAN CONTINENT WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD BE HURT
BY ANY UNILATERAL U.S. ACTION ESTABLISHING A LIMITED FISHING
ZONE.

3. EARLIER GOS INTEREST IN BILATERAL PROBABLY STEMS FROM THIS
CONCERN AND PRECEDENT SET BY BILATERAL AGREEMENT REACHED WITH
MOROCCO IN JANUARY 1974 INVOLVING CREATION OF PRIVATELY
REGISTERED COMPANY WITH EQUAL SHARES TO MANAGE FISHING AND
COMMERCIALIZATION OF CATCH FOR BOTH COUNTRIES IN AREA OF
MOROCCO'S 70 MILE FISHING ZONE. GOS IS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED
WITH ITS BILATERAL WITH MOROCCO WHICH ALLOWS MOROCCO TO EARN
MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF VALUE OF CATCH, BUT, IN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES, HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.

4. THERE IS NO INDICATION AS YET THAT SPAIN IS THINKING OF
ADOPTING FOR ITSELF A LIMITED FISHING ZONE.
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